

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER
GLYNCO, GEORGIA 31524**

FLETC DIRECTIVE (FD)

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COMPETITIVE SHOOTING PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this directive is to promulgate policies, procedures, and responsibilities for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) competitive shooting program at Glynco, Georgia.
2. SCOPE. The provisions of this directive apply to all personnel who administer and conduct the operations and activities of the FLETC competitive shooting program, Glynco, Georgia.
3. CANCELLATION. FLETC Directive 67-12.A, Center Competitive Shooting Program, dated September 18, 1985, is superseded.
4. REFERENCES.
 - a. National Rifle Association (NRA) Police Combat Rules, 1993.
 - b. FLETC Directive 70-02.A., Travel and Transportation of Center Employees.
 - c. Firearms Division Standard Operating Procedure, Conduct of Pistol Tournaments.
5. BACKGROUND. The FLETC has supported a competitive handgun shooting program since 1976. The FLETC team's record of victories is well known throughout the law enforcement community. Their participation has brought them into contact with many agencies and departments and has provided an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and training concepts.
6. POLICY.
 - a. The Center has supported in the past, and will continue to support, a competitive pistol team in order to promote the exchange of ideas in firearms and related training, maintain positive relations with other agencies, maintain its reputation in law enforcement shooting programs, and enhance the Center's image.

b. Team members are selected from full time firearms instructors who compete for a berth in tryout shooting sessions. Practice time and ammunition for practice and competition are authorized during the active season which extends from January through October each year.

c. The competitive matches in which the team may participate are the National Rifle Association registered, regional and State matches, and conclude with the National Matches. The Firearms Division (FAD) may host up to two home matches at Glynco under the auspices of the FLETC Employees Recreation Association.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Chief, FAD, is responsible for the administration and management of the FLETC's competitive handgun shooting program, the establishment of procedures for member selection and training, and the control of funding and ammunition allocations.

b. Team members are responsible for conducting their training and competition activities according to the provisions outlined in this directive.

8. PROCEDURES.

a. Team Eligibility. Team eligibility will be governed by the NRA rules which permit only full time FLETC firearms instructors either employed by or assigned to the Center to participate. Permanently detailed firearms instructors may participate if authorized by their agency in a memorandum.

b. Team Selection. The selection of team members will be made annually through a series of try-out sessions beginning in January as scheduled by the Chief, FAD. Try-out sessions will be scored and the top eight shooters with the highest average scores from four of the six try-out sessions will comprise the team. The top four will be the primary shooting team and the fifth through the eighth, the alternate shooting team.

c. Course of Fire. The course of fire to be conducted in the try-outs will be the NRA National Pistol Course consisting of 60 rounds fired on the B-27 silhouette target.

d. Manager/Coach. By a majority vote, a team manager/coach will be selected from the eight members. An assistant to serve in the absence of the manager/coach will be designated by the team manager/coach from among the eight team members.

e. Team Training. The team manager/coach will prepare a training plan for team practice. Practice will be conducted during the duty day when not in conflict with student training. After hours and weekend practice is authorized in lieu of duty day practice when necessary.

f. Ammunition. Practice and competition ammunition is authorized during the active season which extends from January through October each year. To continually maintain this high level of proficiency, the FLETC Pistol Team members are to draw portions of their monthly allotment on a weekly basis. The monthly allotment for each member is:

(1) Wadcutter	-	2,000 rounds
(2) 158 grain ball	-	1,000 rounds
(3) .45 caliber	-	1,000 rounds

All unused ammunition must be returned. Stockpiling of ammunition is NOT allowed. Requests for ammunition will be made on FAD, Ammunition, Munitions and Weapons Request forms (O-OST-29). A monthly report, compiled from these requests, detailing the amount of ammunition drawn by each team member, will be forwarded to the Ammunition/Weapons Coordinator, FAD.

g. Match Scheduling. The team manager/coach will prepare a proposal of competitive matches for the entire season. The schedule will reflect each match with the number of team participants, registration fees, and travel and per diem for each competition. This information will be submitted to the Chief, FAD, not later than August 1 of each year. Recommendations will be routed through the appropriate chain of command to the Chief, FAD, who will decide on the schedule for the year. The total budget will not exceed the pre-established levels. FLETC sponsored participation at matches by the official competitive firearms team, whether at Glynco or away, is official duty for each participant.

h. Student Training/Competitive Matches. The FLETC training mission is, and will remain, the first priority. The Chief, FAD, will ensure that the training schedule does not suffer and other instructors do not receive unusual workloads because of the absence of team members who are participating in matches.

i. Matches Conducted at Glynco. All matches hosted by FAD will be conducted under the auspices of the FLETC Employees Recreation Association. Approval to host and conduct competitive matches will be included in the annual match schedule as required in paragraph 8.g. above. Upon approval, the designated Match Coordinator will conduct the activities and operations of the match in accordance with the established Standard Operating Procedures. The Match Coordinator will ensure that the following offices/officials are notified of an approved match at Glynco no later

than 10 days in advance of the match: Director, FLETC; Public Affairs Officer; Director, Office of Administration (ADM); FLETC Security/Safety Officer; and Director, Office of Special Training (OST).

j. Participation in Off-site Matches. It is understood that the training mission takes priority and, thus, the approved schedule of matches may be altered if the absence of the team members would affect that mission. The manager/coach will coordinate the necessary requests for team travel and funding for each match on the schedule. This action will be accomplished by the 15th of the month preceding the competition. The request will include the names of team members, departure time, return time, mode of travel, per diem, and entry fees and will be routed to the Chief, FAD, for approval. Upon return, each member will file a travel voucher in accordance with Reference b. and route it through the appropriate Branch Chief, FAD, to the Budget and Finance Division.

k. Competition Awards. "The Standards of Ethical Conduct For Employees of the Executive Branch" regarding awards and prizes won in competition will govern the acceptance and retention of any awards and prizes by members of the FLETC sponsored team.

9. WEAPONS REPAIR. During the competitive shooting season, team members are authorized service and repair of their competition weapons by the Center Armorer. Request for this service will be routed through the Chief, FAD, for approval.

10. SUPPLY OF FORMS. FLETC form O-OST-29 is available from the firearms issue offices of the FAD, indoor and outdoor ranges.

11. OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST. Firearms Division, Office of Special Training.

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